



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6629

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILIZATION SERVICE AWARDS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-73d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Adjutant General may issue an appropriate service ribbon to
4 members of the [Connecticut] National Guard or organized militia
5 who [had been] were called to active service in the armed forces of the
6 state or United States [under Title 10 of the United States Code] for at
7 least thirty consecutive days in support of [Operation Desert Shield or
8 Operation Desert Storm] any military operation commencing after
9 September 11, 2001, during a time of war, as defined in section 27-103.
10 A bronze service star shall be issued in lieu of succeeding awards and
11 a silver service star shall be worn in lieu of five bronze stars. The
12 ribbon may be awarded posthumously.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-73d
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Military Dept.	GF - Cost	Less than \$4,000	Less than \$4,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands who is eligible to receive service ribbons. The cost of expanding eligibility requirements is estimated to be less than \$4,000, and the cost is attributed to purchasing the materials to make the ribbons. The workload of producing the additional ribbons will not increase significantly as the task will be shared between the Connecticut National Guard, and the Military Department.

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6629

AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILIZATION SERVICE AWARDS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the adjutant general of the Connecticut National Guard to issue service ribbons to members of the organized militia, instead of just guardsmen; changes the criteria for issuing the awards to guardsmen; and establishes the same award criteria for militia members. The organized militia consists of the governor's guards, the state guard, and other military forces the governor designates.

The bill also requires the adjutant general to issue a bronze star instead of "succeeding awards," and it requires a silver star to be worn instead of five bronze stars (although it does not specifically authorize the award of silver stars).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

SERVICE AWARDS

Under current law, the adjutant general may issue ribbons to guardsmen called to active service in the U.S. Armed Forces under Title 10 of federal law in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm, irrespective of how long they served. This bill allows him to issue awards (1) to both guardsmen and members of the organized militia; (2) for active service only in support of wartime military operation commencing after September 11, 2001; and (3) for (a) state active service and (b) active service calls under Title 32 of federal law, instead of just Title 10. It sets a minimum 30-consecutive day active-service requirement as a criterion for awards.

BACKGROUND***Active Service Calls***

Guardsmen may be called to active service under Title 10 (Armed Forces) and Title 32 (National Guard) of federal law and under Title 27

(Armed Forces and Veterans) of state law. Members of the organized militia may be called to active service under Title 27 of state law.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 22 Nay 0